

Minutes 17th November 2016
Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors N Bell (Chairman), P Beard, S Beecham, R Fairweather, M Kirby, R Redding, J Routledge and M Ward

Also Present: Mrs Baxter (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

16/201 Apologies for Absence

District Councillors F Nicholls and R Heaney were unable to attend.

16/202 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests

None.

16/203 Approval and signing of the minutes from 20th October 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 20th October 2016 as true and accurate.
Proposed: Cllr Kirby, seconded Cllr Ward, all in favour

16/204 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meetings of the Council on 20th October 2016.

Cllr Bell thanked Cllr Fairweather for his voluntary maintenance work on the village noticeboards.

Further to item 16/191, David Hunter attended the meeting to update the PC regarding the electricity generation plants to be built at Allens Farm:

The idea is to provide electricity during the gaps when solar and wind power don't work. There will be 20 gas powered engines in a barn, the only difference to the land will be an extra building near the digester. It's not going on agricultural land. We won't be able to hear the engines. There won't be construction traffic after it's built. The PC were invited to view the engine he currently has which works on methane from the digester.

It's not decided if this will go ahead, they are doing the same on another farm and if it works they will do at Allens Farm in the next 2-3 years.

Cllr Beard questioned the traffic generated on Tye for the existing anaerobic digester. Mr Hunter replied that for 4 days/year there is a heavy traffic flow but that for the rest of the year there is only one lorry every other day and one lorry every two days.

16/205 Public Speaking

None.

16/206 County Councillor report

Not present.

16/207 District Councillor reports.

Not present.

16/208 Planning (for discussion and to decide comments to return to TDC planning)

16/01660/FUL Autumn House Clacton Road Elmstead Conversion of former bedsits to children's day nursery.

It was discussed that the parking would be dangerous and that to have bedsits in a children's nursery would not be appropriate. It was resolved to object to this application. Proposed: Cllr Bell, seconded Cllr Ward, all agreed.

16/01690/OUT Forres Clacton Road Elmstead. Proposed erection of up to 9 no. dwellings and associated out-buildings with access onto Clacton road (A133).

A representative from Beth Chatto explained that if the development goes ahead it was felt it would be detrimental to their business. It would end up adjacent to and isolated behind a housing development. It would limit their opportunities in the future. They employ 35 people and are a valuable tourist attraction for Essex and

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the UK. It would affect their long term plans. They are also concerned about the dangers of that section of Clacton Road, their entrance is on a bend outside of the 30mph zone.

It was discussed that the design has some nice eco aspects but that the houses are too big for the housing that has been identified as being needed – these are 5-6 bedroom houses. It's on agricultural land. It's outside the development envelope for the village and outside the 30mph limit. The village already has a large number of agreed development.

It was resolved to object to this application. Proposed Cllr Redding, Seconded Cllr Fairweather, all agreed.

16/01704/FUL Elmstead Delivery Office Clacton Road Elmstead. Residential development consisting of a new two storey dwelling on the site of former listed building now demolished as a result of fire damage.

It was discussed that the building is too big for the site and not in keeping with its neighbours. It was queried as to whether the building needs to be kept in character with the grade 2 listed building it is replacing but that TDC planning could look into that.

It was resolved to object to the application based upon the size of the building. Proposed Cllr Bell. 5 in favour of objecting, 3 in favour of returning a neutral comment.

16/01787/FUL Elmstead Primary School Holly Way Elmstead. Retrospective planning application for the replacement of 5 roof mounted air handling units including heat exchange units.

The clerk shared some information that the School headmaster had provided regarding the unique circumstances of the School's heating system and the detrimental effects it would have on the School and children to relocate the roof units.

It was resolved to return a neutral comment with no objections. Proposed Cllr Bell, all agreed.

16/209 Planning (for information only)

Applications:

16/01643/FUL 3 Oatlands Elmstead. Side extension to form new garage.

16/01639/FUL 53 Church Road Elmstead. Installation of additional velux window to upstairs bedroom.

16/01465/FUL 50 Elmcroft Elmstead. Proposed single storey to principle (North) elevation and rear (West) elevation.

Determinations:

16/01436/FUL Allens Farm Tye Road Elmstead. To develop a small scale standby electricity generation plant in a new portal framed building and installation of ancillary equipment. Approval - Full

16/01443/FUL Allens Farm Tye Road Elmstead. To develop a small scale standby electricity generation plant in a new portal framed building and installation of ancillary equipment. Approval - Full

16/01449/FUL Matapos Colchester Road Elmstead. Proposed dwelling. EPC objected. Refusal - Full

16/01551/TPO Elmstead Cricket Club Church Road Elmstead. 2 No. Oak - cut back garden side to 2-3 ft inside 14 Holly Way's fence to eliminate overhang. No comment made. Approval - Full

16/01015/OUT Mr C Gooch - Wivenhoe Park Estate Agricultural Field to The North of Meadow Close. Variation of condition 20 of planning application 14/01238/OUT

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to amend wording of the condition to: 'Prior to first occupation, each dwelling will be provided with a Residential Travel Information Pack', and removing reference to a) and b) of this condition. Approval – Outline

16/210 Tendring District Local Plan – East Colchester/West Tendring fringe garden community

Does the PC resolve for Elmstead PC to officially be part of the group of local councils working together with a common set of objectives regarding this development?

It was discussed that the concerns of the PC (the green gap and the Clingoe Hill traffic) may be diluted as being part of a larger group. It's a concern that the group has not achieved its objectives so far (to have a TDC representative attend a meeting). There will be another consultation in February/March next year, we can remain as part of the group but if our objectives diverge in the future we'll leave. It was resolved to remain as a member of the local group of councils working together on the fringe garden community. Proposed Cllr Redding, Seconded Cllr Bell, all agreed.

16/211 Finance

- i) To look through the finance report and approve the payments for November. See appendix 1.*

It was resolved to accept the finance report and approve the payments for November.

Proposed: Cllr Redding, Seconded: Cllr Bell, all in favour

- ii) To receive a summary of the annual finance meeting with TDC and the implications for the PC.*

Cllr Redding commented that the summary supports the opposition the PC made to the proposal of capping precept increases in future.

- iii) Grants – to discuss and agree the grants for 2016 to be given out in our December PC meeting.*

This was held over until the Finance Committee meeting.

16/212 Market Field

Does the PC resolve to support the proposal for the use of Market Field as sent to ECC in a letter on 22nd September 2016? The proposal is to upgrade the 2 entrances to the field which would be locked during School hours giving the school children a safe outdoors space, and unlocked outside of school hours for the use of the parishioners.

Any further updates on communications with ECC?

An update and any further actions regarding the dog mess on the field.

Cllr Bell is now walking the field once a week. Every week there is some dog mess.

If it doesn't improve we'll need to take more action; a meeting, a sign for the field.

Cllr Beard will look at his book which refers to by-laws.

It was also discussed that we'll need to make sure there is a proper process for locking and unlocking the gate.

16/213 Bluegates

An update from the Bluegates working party meeting

Cllr Routledge: The working party has had a rethink and is presenting some different options:

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- 1) Only 2 sites are suitable, Clacton Road and Colchester Road. The proposal is to put the gates between Tye Road and the 30mph sign as you approach the village from the west and before the 30mph sign near the livery yard as you approach from the east. The gates will bear the village emblem, name and "Please drive carefully". It has been suggested to have double gates at these locations.
- 2) The refurbishment of the village sign has already been done.
- 3) To have more speed indicator signs, particularly on Bromley Road. They cost £2,000-£3,000 each including the solar panel and delivery.
- 4) Extra seats – 2 on Church Road and one on Elmcroft.
- 5) Defibrillator – would it be used?

It was proposed to obtain a costing for the 2 sets of double gates and 2 speed signs. All in favour.

16/214 PC vacancies

The PC currently has 8 out of a potential 11 councillors. To discuss ways that we can recruit new councillors.

It was suggested to advertise in the Essex County Standard. To put a detailed article into upmarket explaining the position and requirements. To put an advert on the noticeboards. Cllr Bell is to draft an article.

16/215 Electoral review of Tendring District Council: Warding arrangements

We have been asked by the Local Government Boundary Commission for our views on the Electoral Review of TDC Warding Arrangements. The consultation ends on the 9th January 2017, but once agreed, changes will not come into effect until the local elections in 2019. We have been asked 1 - Suggestions for our Ward boundary, 2 – Which other villages do we identify as your local community? 3 – Where do people in your village go to access local facilities?

It was resolved to answer as follows: 1) Thorrington out and Alresford and Ardleigh in. 2) As for 1 but include Frating and Great Bromley. 3) Alresford.

Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Bell, all in favour.

16/216 Communications *Items of interest for inclusion in our January Upmarket report.*

To send to the clerk.

16/217 Items for next agenda or for information only

None

There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance. The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

**Date of next Parish Meeting: Thursday 19th January 2017
To be held in the Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead**

Minuted by Mrs. A Baxter

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Elmstead Parish Council Finance Report

Closing Balances to 31st October 2016 are:

Current Account to Bank Statement Ref 813	£ 33,470.95
Total uncashed cheques	£ £2,219.17
Total of cheques below (November payments - request for approval)	£931.63
Balance in current account after cheques	£30,320.15
Deposit Account to Bank Statement Ref 147	£27,711.20
Active Saver Account (Bluegates Donation)	£10,020.61
Estimated Overall Closing Balance - Current and Deposit	£68,051.96

Income Details for October 2016:

ECC Grant for Community Centre car park repair	£ 350.00
Precept	£14,229.00
LCTSS grant	£1,161.00
Total income for October 2016	£ 15,740.00

Approval is requested for the following payments:

Elmstead Community Centre – hall hire October x 4	£64.00
Ian Allston Tree Surgery Ltd – chipping and removing branches from Elmcroft	£84.00
Cllr Fairweather – 2 bags macadam & ground drill, Danish Oil for noticeboards	£62.12
FV Conservatories – install 1 sealed unit small hall	£117.20
Mrs A Baxter – mileage and parking for EALC training (employment overview in Shalford, Braintree, CM7 5EZ = 26.45 miles each way) mileage and parking for TDC precept meeting in Clacton Town Hall 11 miles each way @ 0.45p/mile	£33.71
Cllr Beecham – Refurbishment of Village Sign on South Green (to be paid from Bluegates Donation)	£345.00
Unipar Services LLP – service and certification of speedwatch camera	£225.60
Total Cheques	£931.63

Report prepared by A Baxter – Clerk & RFO
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